

I believe that localism can best be served by restoring the earlier restrictions on multiple - ownership; i.e.; ONE station per band per SMSA. The recent surge in mergers, buyouts, etc., directly counters the entire concept of localism, and in fact sets the intent of the FCC's "80-90" proceeding to naught. As I recall, the idea was to INCREASE the number of possible voices in an area; megamergers and station buyouts by large media conglomerates nullifies the entire concept. In short - ONE station per BAND (AM/FM/TV/DT) per market; not 2, or 3, or whatever. I know of at least two examples of a media conglomerate putting their interest (on 2 out of three FM's in one case) ahead of the local public interest; I'm sure there are others.

Thank You for your attention in this matter;

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